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### Mr. Rockefeller Has Attacked.

We print in another column a second letter from Dr. JULIUS ROSENSTIRN referring in plain language to the work of the Municipal Chnic of San Fran- resentment, for if the women have not tions; cisco, an institution which has attracted a clear case of bad faith against the Govmuch thoughtful notice throughout ernment, it can be indicted at the bar the country since he, its director, described the experiment in a paper read to the recent International Congress of Hygiene at Washington.

its responsibilities to the general reader respecting the manner of the new, paper treatment of certain subjects freely discussed in the medical prints. There come times, however, when a too careful reticence is a sin of omission, a lapse manipulation of stocks by means of in public duty; and then plain language needs no apology.

With a much wider and deeper signewspapers of the noble and necessary tion between short sales that are legitiin his statement about the organization hibition by law of the practice of tradand purposes of the Bureau of Social ing against customers' orders; that is, STARR J. MURPHY and Miss KATHARINE buy for their customers. He asks for admiration and gratitude. And as the investigation of the bureau proceeds lightened methods indicated in the by the press in the exercise of its duty incorporation of the exchanges. toward its readers.

There must be plain language at times when plain language is required. The newspapers cannot do their share of regaining the full confidence of the the work by confining themselves al- investing public is sound and sensible. ways to perfunctory comment or eva- It may be remarked in general that sive phraseology. Their readers will appreciate this fact in view of the unicides closely with the views constantly ple of equality. versal importance of the social prob-expressed by many of the stock brokers lem attacked by Mr. ROCKEFELLER in sincerity and puremindedness.

# The Most Needed Crop.

If Agriculture has the impudence to exist after the soon and long to be regretted exit of its tutelar genius, the Hon. James Wilson, from his temple, what matters it who is to be his successor the man to "rattle around" on his throne? The heart of agriculturists, those prosperous, forehanded folks, has a primary fervor for another crop than any of those which the ministrations of the Department of Agriculture cause to abound. Gasolene is now the staff of life-which is motion-to millions; the skyscraping price of gasolene makes countless thousands mourn.

The Department of Agriculture has been trying to express from any and every kind of fruit, grain, potato, a cheap, filling and energetic denatured sit down behind closed doors in Washingalcohol, which, subjected to a pressure Providence to which I am perfectly willing be used in the common gasolene engine and induced to propel the chariots of swiftness. The alcohol is the fitter worker; experiments in the Bureau of Mines have shown that. So far, howdouble that required for alcohol, can Mines have shown that. So far, however, the old story has been continued; it has not been possible to produce alcohol at an advantageous price.

Far be it from us to breathe a rash but if the men of science in the Depart- saviour of the United States than set up ment of Agriculture should ever con- to be one; because I have found out, I have trive a rival or supplanter of too aspir- actually found out, that men I consult with ment might be esteemed "a bigger man" with enough of them. than the head of the Administration.

#### The Withdrawal of the Franchise Bill Yesterday.

Clause I. would so change the character the United States." of the measure that it would be necesbut the worst they had to fear, they thought, was the defeat of the amendment by a narrow margin of votes,

the conciliation bill which passed its sec- secretary in the State Department he ond reading in the House in the spring was successively appointed Minister of 1911 by a vote of 255 to 88. This to Greece, Rumania and Servia, and bill provided that women householders Ambassador to China, Russia and Turshould have the ballot. Mr. Asquith, key. He was sent as plenipotentiary according to the suffragettes, promised to the Congress of Pekin convened to that the measure should be pressed in settle the Boxer troubles. President good faith at the next session. But YUAN SHIH-K'AI recently offered Mr. when Parliament met again the Gov- ROCKHILL the place of Special Cabinet ernment brought forward the franchise Adviser. He is one of the greatest reform bill, the purpose of which was American authorities on the Orient and to substitute for qualified male suffrage its politics, and he is an admirable a system that would practically amount linguist. to manhood suffrage. Even if the As a graduate of the military school conciliation bill were enacted the num- of St. Cyr Mr. ROCKHILL is something of again to plead for the adoption of a sane ber of women qualified to vote would an expert on military matters and can be small, and assuming that the fran- deal with them intelligently. Familiar, chise reform measure became a law with political intrigue at St. Petersburg there would not be equal suffrage. But and Constantinople, practical, cool Francisco Municipal Clinic looks back on street, in the Borough of Manhattan, New York.

President and Treasurer, William C. Reick, 170

Nassaustreet; Vice-President, Edward P. Mitchell,

Nassaustreet this juncture announced that the fran- be said incidentally, is an unanswerable chise reform bill would be open to argument for promotion in the diplowoman suffrage amendments. To open matic service solely on merit the door to them Sir EDWARD GREY introduced his amendment dropping the word "male" from the following:

"Subject to the provisions of this act every male person shall be entitled to be

that can frame a plausible defence.

#### THE SUN is fully conscious always of Governor Sulzer and the Stock Exchange.

The Governor's message on stock exchange reform is on the whole a temperate, well reasoned document. The abuses which he exhibits, such as the fictitious transactions concerted in advestors and affecting prices, are genernificance than concerns the San Fran- ally recognized and corrigible by law, cisco experiment this should be true of and he urges prompt enactment on the the treatment by the New York daily subject. He draws the proper distincundertaking publicly announced yester- mate and the perversion of short selling day by Mr. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, Jr., that is wrongful. He asks for the pro-Hygiene. The spirit in which Mr. of contemporaneous sales by the brok-ROCKEFELLER and his competent asso- ers on their own account of the same ciates, Mr. PAUL M. WARBURG, Mr. stocks which they have been ordered to B. Davis, have entered into this practical a clearer definition of the conditions of inquiry and work of high humanity is business under impending insolvency; as modest as it is brave. Their attitude for more stringent penal provisions as commands not merely respect but to bucket shops; for a law making it criminal to publish statements, known to be false or not fairly justified by exaccording to the scientific and en- isting conditions, as to the value of securities. Finally, he follows the examprogramme, the same spirit ought to ple of Governor Hughes's committee mark the manner of support rendered in refraining from recommending the

> The advice which the Governor gives to the members of the Stock Exchange about the importance of preserving or much that is said in his message coin-

#### The Bachelor Dinner on the Eve of the Serious Ceremony.

cle entitled "Freemen Need No Guar-February. Fortunately, it is not his "playing" for delay. inaugural address or his first message to Congress. These documents, we have no doubt, will be characterized by pro- and refere priety of reasoning and dignity of ex-

When rhetoric is running amuck and results as are seen in the juxtaposition | melancholy intelligence of reaction: of these two unrelated parts of Dr. WILson's latest essay:

"I don't want a smug lot of experts to

"I never saw a purple cow. I never hope to see one; But this I tell you anyhow. I'd rather see than be one.

"That is the way I feel about this saving hope into so many bosoms distressed; of my fellow countrymen. I'd rather see a ing gasolene, the head of that Depart- know more than I do-especially if I consult hard to shake off; if he does not mend his

"As a university president I learned that the men who dominate our manufacturing processes could not conduct their business and congratulates Chicago on its resolu-The ruling of the Speaker of the ance of the experts with whom the univer- "social centre." beginning with last night. House of Commons that the adoption sities are supplying them. • • • 1 know of Sir Edward Grey's amendment to that men not catalogued in the public prints, the franchise reform bill eliminating men not spoken of in public discussions, are the word "male" before "voter" in the very brain and sinew of the industry of

Sometimes, as we are told, even the Judges and prominent educators asked to sary to bring in a new bill came as a bridegroom gets drunk the night before be judges of the contest." Even in youth ruel surprise to the woman suffragists. the wedding. Why should not the we suspected the "prominent" spectators They had been taxing Mr. Asquirth, Doctor be allowed to experience, during and figureheads. How majestic, how Mr. LLOYD GEORGE and Sir EDWARD these remaining weeks, the joys of in-GREY with lukewarmness in the cause, toxication with the exuberance of his own verbosity?

almost won with the promise of a great the crisis at Constantinople the United triumph later on. The Speaker's ruling States is represented by such an expenow appears in the light of a relief to a rienced and accomplished diplomat as Government which did not want any the Hon. WILLIAM W. ROCKHILL. His of the woman suffrage amendments to career in the service dates from 1884. ome to a vote.

The women and their male symat the legation in Pekin. His adventusthizers will believe to the end of time

The women and their male symat the legation in Pekin. His adventuthe hyphenated idlots who ruin a good story and pathizers will believe to the end of time rous missions to the interior of China exasperate one beyond measure by that they have been the victims of a and Tibet were productive of valuable then—and then." "but perhaps but perhap shrewd and sordid parliamentary trick. scientific information. After several READING, Pa., January 25.

#### Equal Rights for All.

The Hon. JOHN KNIGHT SHIELDS, Chief Justice of Tennessee, was chosen The Great Social Problem Which the door in the face of the woman suf- crat and is going to support Mr. Wilson. guishing features of its institution it State. fragists. For this session apparently Shortly before his election he answered also believes to be the features that have the irrepressible issue is a little heap of sympathetically and affirmatively cerashes, not dead but smouldering. Prestain questions put by a committee of ently it will burst forth into flames of labor leaders. This is one of those ques-

It will be an ingenious Cabinet officer organizations from the provisions of the

Judge SHIELDS replied with due meekinterest of curiosity:

"I also favor an amendment to the Shervance for the purpose of deceiving inand farmer organizations, from the provi- new life journey. purpose of controlling the commerce

the Legislatures of some States, such by the clinic's doctors. as Illinois and Texas, sought to exempt from the provisions of the anti-trust laws. The eruelty of the courts blocked these benevolent efforts. Now Judge munity of those privileged orders, so dear to every feeling statesman, from he claws of the Sherman act. The amendment, which the layman might find difficult in point of constitutionality, s superfluous in any case. Imagine an that would dare to bring suit against the current number of the day only. hose pillars of the people's hope. None the less it is refreshing to see a statesman who is penetrated with the princi-

OSMAN NIZAMI Pasha, the leader of the nificant smile: "He laughs best who laughs last "-Desputch from London.

History records a good many sayings The next President of the United of actors in great events that were never States lets his rhetoric loose in an arti- spoken; but assuming the incident to be cle entitled "Freemen Need No Guar-the Peace Conference assembled in Lon-dians," printed in the World's Work for don the Turkish delegates have been

The Register stands for the initiative and referendum measures so ably cham-pioned by Mr. Woodbow Wilson, President. Official visitors from m elect .- Mobile Register

This Alabama confession of faith came to our eyes just before a Jefferson City logic has taken itself to the most acces- despatch in the Kansus City Journal of us many inquiries for the purpose of its sible doorway we get such grotesque January 24, wherefrom is derived this adoption.

"The fight on the initiative and the referndum is assuming great proportions in the pealed came trong pealed the Phelps, Buchanan, Jackson, Schuyler, Ray, Osage, Henry, Linn, Benton, Clay, Perry, Charlton, Cooper, Dade, Wright, Saline, Petris, Montgomery, Cass and Daviess

Virtue will win in Missouri as in Alabama, but how depressing and bilious, especially on a rainy day, looks this backsliding in the State of BEAUCHAMP CLARK, JIM REED and Gum Shoe BILL.

To WILLIAM J. RAY of Hartford, Conn. who at 106 was fined in the City Court yesterday for illegal liquor selling, we would give one word of warning. Bad habits formed in youth become increasingly behavior he will turn out a bad lot when he grows up.

THE SUN is for spelling bees every time for twenty-four hours without the assist- tion to hold them twice a week in every In time these are to lead to "spelling downs," loved of the older generation and "the little old red schoolhouse." Good and may the three R's be revived and flourish everywhere, and the "frills" fade away. But a word as to "Mayor HARRISON, mightiest of them go down kerplump if he were asked to spell a word even moderately disguised by its pronunciation or amazingly new and polysyllabic? The Right Man at Constantinople. These judges and assessors ought to be leaving them the prestige of a fight It is a source of satisfaction that in made to come into the show. How many a little snub nosed, red polled boy or flaxen pated girl could "spell down" these magnates and magnificos!

# A Fee of the "Too-Too" Style

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sit: In to-day

# They had expected great things from years of duty as chief clerk and assistant THE SAN FRANCISCO EXPERI-

Another Letter From Dr. Rosenstirn on

His Work in the Municipal Clinic. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Your journal was the only one among the American dailies that mentioned my paper on the sanitary regulation of the sexual traffic in the Municipal Clinic of San Francisco which I read before the International Congress of Hygiene in Washington, and you were kind enough to comment upon it graciously.

the work of this institution. I want and humane modern sanitary regulation of the sexual traffic where in our large cities it is needed.

that the conciliation bill would be taken HILL is the right man on the spot in a neer work in that direction, and a reasonup for final passage. Mr. Asquith at grave emergency. His career, it may ably satisfactory success has filled it with courage for its energetic continuance and for an unreserved recommendation of this system, more or less modified by local conditions. The great Rabbi Ben Akiba says "there is nothing new under Sanitary regulation of the sexthe sun." ual traffic does not claim to be an exception; it has been practised for many Senator in Congress last week. Elected ican cities have introduced a more or less registered as a parliamentary elector for by a combination of Democrats, Inde-diluted adaptation. What the advisory pendent Democrats and Republicans, committee of the Municipal Clinic of San The Speaker's sudden ruling slammed Judge SHIELDS is an undeviating Demo- Francisco claims as the unique distin-

helped to insure its success.

cal honorary committee of private citizens two physicians, one lawyer, one clergyman, the superintendent of public schools and two business men-having absolute control of its management, and asking of public opinion for sharp practices. will exempt labor organizations and farmers no contribution from the taxpayers. This independence makes it possible that positions are retained for merit only. and prohibitive measures against graft can be enforced. The requirements for ness, and abounded in the sense expected semi-weekly examination are intended of him by his inquisitors, a sense which, to secure freedom from harassing. An coming from a Judge, is not without an examination fee of 50 cents pays for all expenses and gives a slowly growing surplus fund to be used in time for the purchase and running of an home in the country for the housing of those girls who wish to reenter the self-respecting ranks of society until

> Secondly, the absolutely fair and kind treatment of these girls by the clinic is tionality and effectiveness of the law to like that of private patients. When ill private physicians or the gratuitous treatment by our clinicians. When necessary, through sickness or financial distress, hospital accommodations are furnished, which the clinic pays for in order It will be remembered that in the not to subject its patients to class demonearlier days of the war against trusts stration, only the cure must be confirmed

Thirdly, the humane relations estabassociations of farmers and laborers lished between the physicians and the employees of the clinic and the patients make it possible that in the absence of all direct missionary efforts many girls are reclaimed. Neophytes are prevented SHIELDS, a Democrat thoroughly steeped at the threshold of disgrace from enter- leans in 1882 and 1863. in the hallowed Democratic doctrine of lingthis life, minors are taken and brought equal rights for all, special privileges to educational reformatory institutions, for none," commits himself to the im- and last but not least white slavers are arraigned and convicted.

Fourthly, no private house examinations are recognized and the doctors of the clinic are barred, on penalty of dismissal, from taking any of the clinic's lients as private patients; nor do they know the name or residence of the clients Administration, an Attorney-General passed to them; they come assigned, with

This prevents any undue influence being exercised upon the examining physicians. The same penulty threatens the acceptance of any gratuities offered to the physicians or employees of the

Through the activity of this institution has been reduced from the initial rate of 149 a thousand to a fairly constant rate of 50 a thousand during the last twelve months of observation.

true it gives color to the story that since of control, which has, while gentle in its I shall not enter here upon our system method, been rendered most satisfactory in its effect by the assistance of only two specially detailed intelligent policemen. whose duties consist in looking up the

Official visitors from many cities throughout our country have recognized its efficiency and through reports to the home authorities have brought

It is true that while white slavers should be punished to the fullest extent of the severest laws, under the workings of House. Members are swamped with petitions from constituents asking its repeal.

Petitions filed in the House to-day asking as far as the women are concerned. But pression of this traffic has never attained its ends. The evil has never been appreciatively eradicated, but has fled into the darkest hiding places and from there sends its poisonous arrows into the heart of the populace. Dogma, cant and hymns are of scant benefit. Sanitary control of germ carriers is the watchword of modern hygiene. Why except these germ carriers, the most deadly of all, from this

not in the way of social reforms for the financial betterment of the working girl or of uplifting educational efforts.

We have found that our honest and umane endeavors have been generally warmly appreciated by these pariahs of society; and to our mind a firm but kind and humane watch over their health, a gentle care when ill, will better prepare a soil for the seeds of intellectual and moral reform than the relics of a barbarous age of witch burning and scarlet JULIUS ROSENSTIRN, M. D.

Chairman of the Advisory Committee SAN FRANCISCO, January 21.

#### Effect of the Cardinal Points on Rest and TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The theory the bed posted in the north-south direction is

of no less an authority than Baron de Reichen bach, the famous Vienna savant.

Another savant, Dr. Féré of Paris, after many experiments has not only recognized the fact but completed the observations of Baron de Reichenbach by establishing that when at w the orientation is better if taking a west-east position, the face when turned to the north and above all to the south giving as a result a diminu

tion of about 50 per cent, of our neuromuscular excitation and of our aptitude to work.

If these facts were published by THE SUN I guess that the next day many an office desk might be changed as to place. changed as to place NEW YORK, January 27.

Nature's Jest at Careful Housekeeping. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It makes to difference when we have our windows cleaned hether regularly or irregularly, or at long or hort intervals, it always rains the day after BROOKLYN, January 27. STRBART.

### THE NAUTICAL SCHOOL. Valuable Auxillary to the Merchant

Marine and Not a Reformatory.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir cording to the statements attributed to members of the Nautical School Commitconsiders the school as a sort of a reformaties to discourage the idea electricity, seamanship and commercial the The advisory committee of the San duct the various classes, are for the most part graduates of Annapolis and com-

the ship of the cadet. decades in Europe, and even a few Amer- which goes to make a seaman and master

with the shipping interests of the city and State. With the opening of the Panama Canal in the near future those in control These features are: First, a non-politi- as to the wisdom of discontinuing this school than the members of the city Board of Education.

Give the school ship another chance and at the same time publish to the whole city and State what it can do for the boys, and more applicants for admission than the can accommodate. BROOKLYN, January 27.

### GORGAS AND GOETHALS. The Work of the Latter Impossible Without That of the Former.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Which who superintends a work or the man who makes it possible that the work can be done? Is it not in China that when a man accomplishes some notable achievement a monu-

There are probably those living who will nember the difficulties encountered in sanitary conditions during the building of the Panama Railroad and how it was said that every one of the ties represented a human life. Now the canal is nearly com control, suppress and dessolve the great they have their choice between their own pleted with no such sacrifice, and all owing to the splendid sanitation by Colonel Gorgas A movement appears to be on foot to make clonel Goethals Governor of the Canal Zone. This appears most proper in view of his grasp of the great engineering feat. Zone. but what about Colonel Gorgas? Is it not reasonable to ask, impersonally speaking, Can Colonel Goethals or any one else remain

there without Colonel Gorgas?

The immensity of material construction in the canal appeals to the public, but Mr Pennell cannot draw the bigness of Colonel Gorgas's work of making the 1sthmus inhabitable, and so he and it are likely to be Catholic Church, and should be none, so I overlooked and forgotten, as was the officer who kept the yellow fever out of New Or-

#### CHARLES M. BURNS. NEW YORK, January 27.

### INSOMNIA. A French Cosmopolitan's Prescription

to Bame It. TO THE PRITOR OF THE SUN SIE: To your riend of Cleveland who complains so much of insomnia I should like to advise a little infusion of linden tree dry flowers. A hot cup of it with a few drops of cognac, about the contents of a himble, has cured myself of repeated insomnia. In The Bronx these trees are plentiful and every year I make an ample provision of the flowers. which also are a remedy against headaches.

Another remedy for insomnia is a hay pillow.

A hard bed is better than a soft one as a cure Turkish delegation, remarked with a sigthe morbidity among these unfortunates,
the morbidity among the initial act.

The head should face the north and the feet the

Catholic population in Iraliand is made up thought, that you must absolutely sleep.
Sleep being absolutely dependent on the state

of health, it is easy for every one to have an accu-rate idea of that state at the time for rest, thanks o a small apparatus called the "sphygmometer. If after using it the mercury mark is superior to 12 centimeters or inferior to 8, undoubtedly HENRI DE LAPITOLE. NEW YORK, January 26.

# A Growl at Revised Spelling.

the attention of your readers to the distorted spelling of certain words of an article in a recent spelling of certain words of a recent spelling of certain words o number of an American magazine that uses the

so-called "revised spelling" of English?
The article in question is entitled "Contemplatives" and is writeen by John Massfield. The that initiative and referendum be repeated came from the counties of Christian. Phelps, Buchanan, Jackson, Schuyler, Ray. Osage, Henry, Linn, Benton, Clay, Perry. The sudden, severe and unrelenting supviolable, to come upon such words as "hight" when "height" is intended and "past" when the past tense of the verb "to pass" is called for. have the appearance of ill bred persons dropped nto a society of the refined and cultivated. receive another shock when the word "medieval" is encountered, spelled "medieval." Of course his spelling alters the pronunciation of the word. rule? Establish municipal clinics wherever needed and as many as required.

A preventive sanitary control stands They that have been bred in the English language as it correctly is spoken and spelled can have little patience with these absurd distortions. I am aware that dictionaries indorsing these

American spellings have been gotten out by tain American publishing houses; but these "dik shunaries" bear about the same relation to the authority vested in the English language at Oxford and Dublin University, where the purest English in the world is spoken, as quack doctors do to the great medical profession. It is evident after a careful perusal of the magazine of which I speak that this new form of spelling is used throughout. That may be quite all right with reference to an article contributed by an Ameri-can. But why should the splendid diction and obie style of Mr. Maseneld's article be mai treated? For it certainly robs the style of its beauty when the reader is haited and shocked by unseemly spellings. This new spelling is essen-tially an Americanism. Is it not possible for an article contributed by an Englishman to be printed

PORTLAND. Me., January 27. Was Wool Protected in Egypt?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: THE SUN IS indoubtedly correct as to the respectability undoubtedly correct as to the respectability of the shepherd's profession among the Israelites, but we read in Genesis, xIvi, 24: "For every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians." But perhaps the "tariff for revenue only" doctrine But perhaps the is of Egyptian origin.

LAPAYETTE B. GLEASON.

# NEW YORK, January 27.

Testing the Bobbles. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: A man told ne yesterday that in London every policeman has to black his own shoes, and black them on his feet. This exercise is supposed to be good for them, and when they get too fat to black them in that manner they are considered unfit for regular work and are retired from active service.

PHILADELPHIA, January 27.

F. M. COLLINSON.

# Would It Be an Invasion in the Sense

New Abhorrent? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: O January 14 Colin Campbell Cooper contribtee of the Board of Education the public uted an argument containing many state-Perhaps this is true to a certain building a privately owned "Palace of Arts" extent, but if so it is because no pear Central Park, with funds to be provided pains have been taken by the authoriby some enthusiastic millionaire. Why As a matter wait upon a good natured millionaire to of fact no public school in the greater city construct a "pay as you enter" art gallery You lately published a letter from me describing the character and purpose of cant can submit to examinations. The palace of arts might well be erected by the cant can submit to examinations. The examination itself is severe enough to city of New York in the heart of Central require a full grammar school education. Park. There is a precedent in almost every and the course of study on the ship em- large city of Europe for the location of such praces higher mathematics, engineering, a building in Central Park, designed to serve the public with mental and bodily recrea-

> Every citizen of New York will agree that we should preserve the few parks that we missioned officers in the United States have and create as many more as are needed pavy, more competent than many of the to supply us with plenty of light and fresh railroads whose locomotive firemen are public school teachers. It happens occa-sionally that an undesirable lad secures a rlum erected by the city in its famous park sionally that an undesirable lad secures a rium erected by the city in its famous park cadetship, but Captain E. H. Tillman, to provide shelter, entertainment and rected that it is a constant of the cadetship in the superintendent, soon discovers freshment for those who now enjoy the park that is a constant of the cade that is a constant o he mistake, and no time is lost in ridding and many more who would then enjoy it would fill a long felt want. The erection of A visit to the ship will convince any one such a building in Central Park would not that it is far from being a reformatory and the cadets will impress every one with their willing submission to the discipline which goes to make a seaman and master southly submission to the discipline with their willing submission to the discipline which goes to make a seaman and master southly submission to the discipline with the points in dispute. After stating that an offer of the railroads to grant that the railroad that t row." The narrowness of the island may certain increases in wages or arbitrate Before passing any laws contemplated to have some bearing upon the narrowmindedsecure the abolishment of the Nautical ness of some of its citizens, but it is not the School the Legislature should take counsel cause of the skyscraper. cause of the skyscraper.
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> The hue and cry that is raised whenever

some proposition is made to desecrate the park with architectural and sculptural monstrosities is justified. But I am confident that some day the people of New York will its logical magnet. RESURGAM.

Member Parks and Playgrounds Asso-American Institute of Architects Municipal Art Society.

NEW YORK, January 25.

#### RELIGION IN POLITICS. No Racial or Religious Prejudices or

Privileges.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNattempt to force a gentleman into the Cabinet of Dr. Wilson on racial and religious grounds should fail. Whether he is of Irish arbitration followed in the engineers' case and Catholic extraction and belief Jewish or French or Scotch descent and a Unitarian or Covenanter is immaterial inder our form of government. Some of

the men named in this connection are fit enough, but we want Americans. race prejudices rest or remain in Europe, where they may have some justification. New York, January 25. T. J. Johnston. sometimes had best not know our troubles If there is anything we absolutely refuse to do it is to go through with what the

#### TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN SO: Irishen who have proved themselves capable in all walks of life, in peace as well as in war, in this land of liberty are undoubtedly worthy of Mr. Wilson's recognition. I disagree, however, with the characterization of Irishmen of the Catholic faith as Catholics," The Irish race kept the faith of St. Patrick inviolate. They fought

suffered starvation and death for the faith;

Not "Irish" Catholies.

trust that for the words "Irish Catholic now being used the words "Irishmen of the Catholic faith" be substituted. It is to be hoped that the President-elect will demonstrate in a marked way his appreciation of Irish Americans, who are pected to last ten days. In case of

### BROOKLYN, January 28. Protestant and Catholic in Ireland.

W. H. DOWNES.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The writer of the letter which appears in THE among distinguished Irish politicians the under the Erdman act, a Federa name of William Butt, the founder of the statute, by which the award of the ar-

Land League I suppose the reason that Protestants thirty days after their first meeting. but the trouble with it is that you often wake up with pains in your head and a bad mouth, particularly when the hay is too fresh.

come so much more to the front arises from the fact that they are blessed with a larger bliration on the plan of the arbitration of the engineers' demands. share of wealth and also as a rule receive a of the engineers' demands, wider and more elastic education than the for insomnia and a flat pillow of hair than one Catholics in Ireland. Besides, one must Catholic population in Ireland is made up south exactly en rapport with the polar orienta-tion of the globe. The windows of the bedroom must be open a little even on the coolest nights; small shopkeepers, farmers, Ac., who have there should not be too many blankets. A walk a hard struggle for life and usually find a small shopkeepers, farmers, &c., who have and a bath before going to bed will do no harm:

then turn the steam heat off, drink a cup of linden tree flowers and go to bed with only one thought, that you must be steam heat off, drink a cup of linden tree flowers and go to bed with only one tion of every peasant Catholic household. of having one son in the priesthood and the other in the police.

#### NEW YORK, January 25. "Little Mac."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Johnny the sleep is bound to be disturbed, if not becoming Mack, known as Liftle Mac, was in Dan impossible. In the first case the insomnia is due Bryant's Minstrels on Twenty-third street, to a too strong pressure of the blood: in the second just west of Sixth avenue, for a number of on December 24, 1910, in full if Joseph years and danced in a piece called "Essence G. Robin would pay his loans of Old Virginny and lived with Dan Bryant in Fortyseventh street, and appeared on the stage

NEW YORK, January 27.

# Grateful to Jay Gould.

ion. A something sacred whose rights are in- gratulations are in order. I wish to acknowledge my appreciation of the kindness of her father, when Jay Gould.

d for. | In 1873 I was selling papers on the streets of

The ugly spellings of "though" and "through" as "tho" and "thru" are becoming far too common to need remark: although for me they will ever Grand Opera House. He then told W. J. Holmes, superintendent of telegraph, to give me some-We thing to do, and I got a position as messenger val" boy. I learned to telegraph under and by the help of the manager of the office, Mr. Sampson. Afterward I was sent out on the Erie as an opera much to a friendless and almost homeless boy, and I hold in grateful remembrance the memory SCHANTON, Pa., January 27.

> Stenographers and Typewriters TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: My experience is that there are many better typ

in the city than stenographers. The average stenographer thinks more of her getup than your dictation, and she certainly won't take any one's dictation except in the way of business. But getting away from the sartorial sirens, one

Just as a good many of us marry women for their faults, so do we appreciate our stenog-raphers for the same reason. For all her errors I should be sorry to lose my present stenographer and I am not dictating this letter-who began proceedings most chearfully by answering my extremely rude question as to her age, "Well, QUILL DRIVER. sir. I used to be nineteen." BROOKLYN, January 27.

#### Are Americans Polite? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Are Ameri-

cans, meaning by that the people who live in the United States, a polite people? If they are, why is it that so many are polite only when it is to their interest to be so? Why are rich and poor alike disposed to be indifferent to the gentler graces unless they feel that there is "something in it for them"? If they were impolite through through excuse, but they are not ignorant, because if they were how would they know how to be polite when it is to their interest to be so? NEW YORK, January 27. SAYOIR FAIRE.

# The Best Clam Chowder.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: I never knew two cooks to make claim chowder alike. All chowder is good; but is there one recipe that produces chowder preeminently and indisputably superlative in quality? A CHOWDER LOVER.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., January 27.

# PALACE OF ARTS IN CENTRAL ON VERGE OF STRIKE ROADSWARNFIREMEN

Walkout Means Tieup of All Eastern Lines, Say

TO ARBITRATE

Employers.

### But Can't Pay the \$9,600,000 Annually Demanded-Count of Ballots Begins Feb. 1.

On behalf of the fifty-four Planter balloting for or against a gene strike to enforce their demands, a stament was issued last night calling tention to the gravity of the situation and the willingness of the roads as c the differences with the firemen was made within the last two days, the statement goes on to say:

A strike means that practically every railroad east of the Mississippi and north of Virginia will be tied up.

The railroads stand prepared to grant use discrimination and demand that their certain increases; they agree that the fire-great park and playground be provided with men deserve adjustments in their wages But the men are taking a strike ballot a proposition to demand increased pay amounting to \$9,600,000 annually, or a per cent. of the total amount now paid to firemen in this territory. This amoun the railroads contend, is neither warranted by conditions nor within the power of the companies to pay, having due regard to their other obligations.

The eastern railroads insist that their differences with the firemen shall be arbitrated in such a way that the interests of the public as well as the men and the railroads shall be guarded. The form of protected the public, the employees and the railroads

At a recent conference between the fire men's committee and the railroad managers President W. S. Carter of the firemen used this language: "This public that you aretalking abou

engineers went through, which was practically a flasco. The so-called "flasco" Mr. Carter refers to was an arbitration before a board com posed of Oscar S. Straus of New York, Charles R. Van Hise of Madison, Wis. Frederick N. Judson of St. Louis, Albert Shaw of New York, Otto M. Eidlitz of New York, Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and P. H. Mor rissey, former grand master of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. This board but as Roman Catholics. There are no distinctions either in race or color in the of the United States Supreme Court: M

A. Knapp, presiding Judge of the Con

Court, and Charles P. Neill, United States Commissioner of Labor The counting of the ballots will begin always in the field to fight for Democratic strike the 10,000 engineers on fected roads, who were promoted from the ranks of the firemen, but remain I the firemen's brotherhood, are expect-

to join in the strike. The representatives of the firemen say they are willing to arbitrate the SEN of January 25 might have included in addition to the Protestants enumerated differences, but they want arbitration bitrators must be announced within

men and order of Railroad Conductors made demands on the same roads on January 6, embodying a demand for

### an increase in wages of 15 per cent. SAYS ROBIN WON'T PAY UP.

Van Tuyl Explains Northern Bank

Settlement Delay.

ALBANY, Jan. 27.-Banking Superin tendent Van Tuyl testified before the Sulzer Commission of Inquiry to-day that he would be able to pay creditors of the Northern Bank of New York, which failed Little Mac was a dwarf could collect 25 per cent. of the cent, assessment levied against the stock holders of the institution. His right to levy an assessment of 100 per cent.

> One of the creditors charged that Supt Van Tuyl was not employing every agency at his command to render the bank's assets liquid. The complainant to the Sulzer committee said Robin had told him that there was enough money on hand to pay off the creditors of the bank in full Van Tuyl said he was greatly hand capped by the fact that Robin owned large proportion of the stock and there was no way of forcing him to wipe out his indebtedness to the bank. He said: "At the date of the closing of the Northern Bank Joseph G. Robin and the subsidiary companies controlled by him owed the Northern Bank \$1,238,000. On November 1, 1912, this sum had been reduced by payment to \$1,171,000. In addition to the above there was held in the failed bank \$172,000 of loans that were put in exchange for accommodations a the failed Carnegie Trust Company. Thes are part of the loans guaranteeed by the Cummings -Reichmann -Congdon-Carnegie

CONVICTS TO WORK FOR WAGES.

Trust party. There is at the present time due depositors of the failed Northern Bank \$2,221,810."

### \$1.50 a Day Pay of Jersey Prisoners and They Needn't Wear Stripes.

CALDWELL, N. J., Jan. 27 .- Convicts the Essex county penitentiary here are able to work will be employed build ing roads, for which service each worke will receive \$1.50 per day, if the plans of Warden Ferdinand J. Hosp are adopted Fifty cents of the \$1.50 daily wage wi go to the penitentiary, 50 cents for cour-costs and 50 cents to the support of the

Heretofore prisoners have objected to employment on the public roads because employment on the public roads because they would have to work in stripes. The Prison Board, however, has abolished striped suits and plain suits will be wern hereafter by prisoners who have earned the confidence of the warden by good behavior.

There are now 207 men and twenty-two women in the penitentiary. An innovation since Warden Hosp took office is that every prisoner is supplied with a tooth-brush and powder.

Will Carleton Left Small Estate

The will of Will Carleton, the po-which was executed on December 17, 19 the day preceding his death, was the for probate in the Surrogate's office it Brooklyn yesterday. The small estate it left to Norman E. Goodrich, a nephew, as executor, to be disposed of according to instructions given personally before the testater's death. testator's death.